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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 28, 2000

Dear Mr. Reid:

Thank you for your letter and the copies of the fall 2000 edition of The Ambassadors Review.

Hillary and I enjoyed talking with you at the Westchester County dinner, and I am pleased that you found my remarks at the dinner clear and to the point.

I have forwarded the extra copies of the Review to the National Security Council staff. A member of the staff will contact you with regard to your ideas on the Near East.

Again, thank you for writing. I appreciate your continued interest in, and support for, the work of this Administration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ogden Reid
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JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 27, 2000

Dear Mr. Mason:

Thank you for your report on the October 2000 meeting of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense. Congratulations to the Board on your 60th anniversary of strengthening the cooperative defense of North America.

I share the Board's concern regarding the impact of Canadian force reductions upon Canada's ability to participate in peacekeeping and other international operations. I am pleased, however, to see that Canada is taking positive steps to improve its strategic lift, and that we have achieved some progress on the International Traffic and Arms Regulations issue.

Again, thank you for sharing the Board's report with me. Please convey my personal thanks to the members of the Board for their dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

The Honorable Dwight N. Mason
Chairman, United States Section
Permanent Joint Board of Defense, Canada-United States
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 27, 2000

Dear Imam Hasan:

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation in the Middle East.

The current cycle of violence between Israelis and Palestinians has tragically resulted in many deaths and innocent victims and has dealt a serious blow to achieving a just and lasting peace. Reaching such a peace has never been more urgent than it is now, and success will require the renewed commitment of all those who are devoted to the cause of peace.

As you rightly point out, religious leaders can play a critical part in this respect. As we pursue our efforts, I will keep in mind your suggestion and generous offer of help.

Again, thank you for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Imam Johnny Hasan
c/o Congregation B'nai Israel
3700 Rodney Parham Road
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212-2498

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 27, 2000

Dear Rabbi ~~Levy~~ 

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Again, thank you for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Andrew M. Kaven

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 2000

Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter clarifying your position on India and on U.S.-Indian relations. I appreciate your kind words regarding my role in trying to promote that relationship and to encourage peace between India and Pakistan.

India is a country with which we have a strong and growing relationship. I believe it is important for the future of both of our countries that we continue to increase cooperation and mutual understanding.

Again, thank you for your letter and for sharing your views on this subject.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Donald M. Payne
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 2000

Dear Senator Santorum:

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation in the Middle East and Chairman Arafat's request for an international presence in the territories.

I am convinced that the way to end the current violence is for Israelis and Palestinians to implement the commitments they undertook at Sharm el-Sheikh. To suggest other initiatives at this time is to detract from that goal and further undermine the parties' confidence in each other.

Regarding the specific idea of an international presence, the position of the United States is clear: absent approval of both sides, we cannot support such an initiative and will oppose it in the Security Council. Introduction of an international presence should only be considered in the context of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians because attempts to impose solutions on one or the other party are counter-productive and doomed to fail.

Again, thank you for your letter and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ben Clinton ^A

The Honorable Rick Santorum
United States Senate
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 2000

Dear Representative Cooksey:

Thank you for your letter concerning the situation in Sierra Leone.

The helicopter service has been valuable to Embassy and UN operations in Freetown. However, limited funding forces us to make choices about which programs we can support in Sierra Leone. I believe that the program to train and equip West African forces is the best use of these limited resources. This program is geared toward keeping the peace and preventing atrocities in Sierra Leone now, as well as building the region's capacity to respond to new challenges. We are hopeful that additional funding might be available in the future to allow us to consider resuming the helicopter service.

Again, thank you for expressing your views on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

The Honorable John Cooksey
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 2000

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your letter alerting me to your interest and that of your constituent Thomas R. Joyce in joint scientific research with Vietnam on the effects of Agent Orange.

In my meetings with Vietnamese leaders, they made clear their desire to address Agent Orange problems Vietnam. President Luong and I witnessed the signing of a bilateral Science and Technological Cooperation Agreement, which will make it possible for our scientists to engage in joint scientific research on Agent Orange. Scientists and officials from both of our countries subsequently met in Singapore to discuss steps in moving forward on this issue.

Joint scientific research is but one of several Agent Orange activities we have under way. I believe these efforts will eventually address both American and Vietnamese concerns.

Again, thank you for your letter and for sharing your insights on this important issue.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John P. Murtha
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3812

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FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

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Sincerely,

B. A.

The Honorable John P. Murtha
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3812

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *for*
CHARLES M. BRAIN *cmb*

SUBJECT: Reply to Representative Murtha

Purpose

Reply to Representative Murtha.

Background

Representative Murtha wrote on behalf of a constituent asking that you explore opportunities for joint U.S. and Vietnamese scientific research on the effects of Agent Orange exposure.

In your response, you discuss the Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement signed during your visit to Vietnam and express hope that our joint research efforts will yield mutually beneficial results.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Murtha
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

JOHN P. MURTHA
12TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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APPROPRIATIONS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3812

November 9, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Recently a constituent of mine, Mr. Thomas R. Joyce, (Tom) traveled to Vietnam and met with the Vietnamese officials who are researching the long term affects of Agent Orange. Tom was exposed to and is suffering from the affects of Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam as a member of the United States Army. Tom is interested in finding how the Vietnamese government is treating their people who were exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. Tom was interested in seeing if it would be possible to combine the research efforts of the Vietnamese and United States medical officials, and feels if we combine our efforts with the Vietnamese government, we may be able to find relief for those who are suffering from the affects of Agent Orange.

During Tom's trip he met with Mr. Nguyen Dinh Dzung, Foreign Press Center, who was instrumental in making the appointments with the Vietnamese officials for Mr. Joyce. Tom met with the Agent Orange Committee 10/80, which is what the Vietnamese call themselves due to the date the Committee first met. Professor Hoang Dinh Cau, MD, is the Chairman of the 10/80 Committee who spoke seriously about the Agent Orange issue, and felt the American government should be held responsible for the damages caused by Agent Orange. Tom said he informed Professor Hoang Dinh Cau that our Government was not responsible for the damages of Agent Orange and that Agent Orange was used as a defensive alternative to deprive cover.

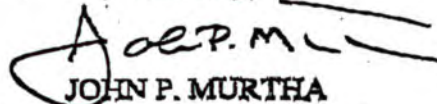
On October 25, 2000, Tom met with Dr. Le Cao Dai, who was very grateful of Tom's concern of the affects of Agent Orange. Tom suggested a research center be built in the Central Highlands of Vietnam where scientists from both Nations would combine their research efforts regarding the effects of Agent Orange. Tom said he felt this was acceptable to Dr. Le Cao Dai. Tom next met with Dr. Nguyen Thi My Hien in the Peace Village where approximately 100 children with disabilities believed to be the result of Agent Orange are living. Tom felt he was well accepted by the children. The first child Tom met was Nguyen Kim Thoa, age 17, who is suffering from a skin condition related to Agent Orange. When Tom was talking to Thoa, she asked Tom if he could fix her facial condition. Tom said he would hope the United States Government would bring Thoa to our Country and see if our doctors/scientists could see if there was a way to help this young lady. Tom felt this would be a goodwill humanitarian gesture on

the part of our Government to help the children and people of Vietnam.

Mr. President, during your visit to Vietnam I hope you would consider following up with Vietnamese officials to see if it would be possible to establish a dual research facility in order to study the affects of Agent Orange hoping to find a cure for the victims of Agent Orange. I want to thank you for your attention to this matter.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,


JOHN P. MURTHA
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter on temporary protected status (TPS) for Sierra Leone nationals residing in the United States. I share your concern about continuing violence in that country.

My Administration has already acted to ensure TPS for nationals of Sierra Leone. In November, the Attorney General determined that an extension was warranted, based on the resumption of active conflict and the ongoing attacks against unarmed civilians. Sierra Leone nationals are protected from return to their home country until November 2, 2001.

It is my hope that the suffering of the people of Sierra Leone will soon end, and that peace, justice, and reconciliation will follow. To that end, we will continue our efforts to support the critical work of the U.N. Mission to Sierra Leone, and to support the efforts of others in the region to promote a durable peace.

Again, thank you for your letter and for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

B. A.

The Honorable Paul David Wellstone
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER (K) FM
CHARLES M. BRAIN MB

SUBJECT:

Congressional Correspondence on Temporary
Protected Status for Sierra Leone NationalsPurpose

Respond to a letter from Senator Paul Wellstone urging the extension of temporary protected status for Sierra Leone nationals.

Background

Senator Wellstone expresses deep concern over widespread violence and egregious human rights violations in Sierra Leone. He encourages you to extend temporary protected status (TPS) for nationals of Sierra Leone residing in the United States. He also recommends that we continue to work with the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone to bring a durable peace to the region.

In your reply, you explain that your Administration has already acted to extend TPS for Sierra Leone nationals for a period of 12 months. You also affirm your commitment to support the U.N. Mission to Sierra Leone and regional efforts to find a path toward a lasting peace. You express your hope that suffering of the people of Sierra Leone will soon end, and that peace, justice, and reconciliation will follow.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to letter on TPS for Sierra Leone

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

PAUL D. WELLSTONE
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October 31, 2000

President Bill Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to encourage you to re-authorize temporary protected status (TPS) for Sierra Leone nationals currently residing in the United States. As I am sure you are aware, the country conditions in Sierra Leone are extremely unstable. Since the May 2, 2000 Revolutionary United Front (RUF) attack on UNAMSIL peacekeeping forces, Sierra Leone has witnessed the resumption of widespread violence and human rights violations. Reports from Amnesty International, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and the U.S. Department of State describe the threat of violence that currently exists in Sierra Leone. To force Sierra Leone nationals to return to Sierra Leone at the present time will undermine the fragile steps towards peace currently underway.

The violence that has plagued Sierra Leone is truly horrific. Several international human rights organizations have issued reports that detail the practice forced amputations and mutilation, systematic rape of women and girls, abductions, and the recruitment and conscription of child soldiers.

We cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities. As a first step we should offer protection to Sierra Leone nationals currently in the United States through re-authorization of TPS. We must also continue to work with the United Nations and the government of Sierra Leone to find a path toward sustainable peace in this region.

I thank you for your consideration, and for your long-standing commitment to peoples of West Africa.

Sincerely,



Paul David Wellstone
United States Senator

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Andrew M. Kavan

FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 2000

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Again, thank you for your letter and for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", followed by a small "X" mark.

The Honorable Paul David Wellstone
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 15, 2000

Dear Brian:

Thank you for your letter on women's rights in Afghanistan. I am deeply troubled by the continuing violation of women's rights by the Taliban regime.

Restoring the rights of women is one of our most important foreign policy objectives in Afghanistan. In regard to your suggestions, we continually press the Taliban, both in public and in private, to lift restrictions on the mobility and employment of women, the schooling of girls, and access to medical facilities and care. Our clear message is that the Taliban must respect international human rights norms.

We also have raised our concerns with countries that have recognized the Taliban, including Pakistan, and in international fora. This past March, the United States authored a resolution on women's rights in Afghanistan adopted by the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. In addition, we direct humanitarian assistance, including through non-governmental organizations, toward improving health, education, and employment opportunities for Afghan women and girls. Again this year, we have increased our refugee admissions numbers for the Near East and South Asia, in part to resettle more Afghan women in the United States.

Thank you for sharing your concerns about this important subject. I hope that the rights of women and girls will remain a central focus of U.S. efforts to achieve lasting change in Afghanistan.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Brian Baird
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4703

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The Honorable Karen L. Thurman
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The Honorable John F. Tierney
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
House of Representatives
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Robert Wexler
House of Representatives
1609 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Lynn C. Woolsey
House of Representatives
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MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: BAIRD, BRIAN

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 15 DEC 00

SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE ON AFGHAN WOMENS RIGHTS

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 21 DEC 00

COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 2000

Dear Representative Aderholt:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about the situation in the Philippines. I am closely following the impeachment and trial of President Estrada.

As Americans, we are all concerned about allegations of corruption or malfeasance by public officials. They can have a very corrosive effect on democracy. I am heartened to see that in the Philippines, charges of high-level corruption are adjudicated through constitutional means.

The United States considers the current political crisis to be a domestic matter for the people of the Philippines. Our principal concern is that all parties involved respect the constitution and rule of law. That has been the case, so far. Accordingly, I believe the current situation does not yet warrant our condemnation for specific public officials.

Again, thank you for sharing your concern about the Philippines.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

The Honorable Robert B. Aderholt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0104

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DUE DATE: 20 DEC 00

COMMENT:


 FOR

JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 2000

Dear Father McSorley:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about environmental cleanup at former U.S. military bases in the Philippines. I can understand how you feel about the reports you have seen in the Manila press.

However, these articles do not adequately reflect the efforts to address hazardous materials and wastes undertaken by United States forces before their withdrawal from the Philippines. Indeed, the United States undertook more extensive cleanup efforts than required by our treaty obligations. Moreover, our efforts were hampered by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo and the quick departure of U.S. forces demanded by the Government of the Philippines. Finally, the Philippine Government assumed responsibility for cleanup in return for our agreement not to seek compensation for the value of the substantial improvements left behind at Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base.

Although there is no authority in U.S. law for our military forces to carry out additional cleanup activities, a delegation of Defense Department environmental experts recently visited the Philippines to promote information exchanges on environmental and health matters. I believe these exchanges will help the Philippines to deal with environmental problems.

Again, thank you for your letter and for your interest in the Philippines.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Richard T. McSorley, S.J.
Georgetown University
Jesuit Community
Box 571200
Washington, D.C. 20057-1200

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SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 18 DEC 00

SUBJ: LTR TO FATHER MCSORLEY RE TOXIC WASTE

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 20 DEC 00

COMMENT:

FOR


JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 2000

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter regarding China's possible bond offering on U.S. capital markets. Although China may have decided not to pursue this offering, I would still like to respond to the Commission's suggestion that I bar such an offering.

I share the Commission's deep concern about religious persecution in China. Indeed, I raised this issue with President Jiang Zemin during our recent meeting in Brunei. The United States will continue to press for the right of all Chinese citizens to enjoy internationally recognized religious freedoms.

Barring China's access to U.S. capital markets, however, in my judgment will not advance respect for religious freedom in China. It will have little impact on China's access to capital in an age of global capital markets, but it will have seriously damaging effect on our ability to engage China on issues of human rights and religious freedom. It could also have a negative impact on the American people, as our commitment to the free flow of capital would be undermined, with adverse consequences for our economy.

Again, thank you for writing concerning this important matter. I appreciate the Commission's work.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Elliott Abrams
Chairman
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 790
Washington, D.C. 20002

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DATE: 20 DEC 00

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: ABRAMS, ELLIOTT

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 19 DEC 00

SUBJ: REPLY TO ABRAMS RE CHINA CAPITAL MARKETS

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 21 DEC 00

COMMENT:

Andrew M. Kewer
FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Roger:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your dedicated service to the National Security Council.

As Director for Inter-American Affairs, you provided me and the National Security Council with invaluable support during a historic period in our relations with Latin America. Your contributions to our policy with Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean made a real difference. I particularly appreciate your assistance in planning visits by Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and President-elect Vicente Fox.

On behalf of the American people, I wish you the best and thank you for your service to our Nation.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton ^A

Mr. Roger Merletti
National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20504

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WASHINGTON

December 11, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGE 

SUBJECT: Farewell Letter for Roger Merletti, Director,
Inter-American Affairs, National Security Council

Purpose

Wish Roger Merletti farewell and recognize his good work for the National Security Council (NSC).

Background

Roger Merletti served as NSC Director for Inter-American Affairs for nine months. During his assignment to the White House, Mr. Merletti had primary responsibility for a wide range of Latin American issues, including our relations with Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. He left the NSC staff to return to the Department of Defense.

We believe a farewell letter from you would be meaningful recognition of Mr. Merletti's contributions.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Farewell Letter


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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 2000

Dear Chip:

Thank you for your letter concerning our relations with North Korea.

I read with interest your proposal to incorporate a people-to-people element into our dialogue with North Korea. I believe strongly that such contacts can play an important role in improving relations between countries. At this point, however, it is premature to undertake a major initiative in this area. Despite some signs of change in relations with South Korea and the United States, North Korea remains very much a closed society and much work remains to be done to bring peace and stability to the Korean peninsula. I would add that I have made no final decision on my own travel to North Korea.

Thank you again for writing. I look forward to the time that we can carry out exchange programs with a changing North Korea. My best wishes for continued success to you and to Mary Jean with your important programs.

Sincerely,

Mr. James E. "Chip" Carter, III
President
The Friendship Force
34 Peachtree Street, Suite 900
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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DATE: 19 DEC 00

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: CARTER, JAMES E
SOURCE: PRESIDENT
DATE: 18 DEC 00
SUBJ: LTR TO CHIP CARTER RE RELATIONS W/ NORTH KOREA

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 20 DEC 00

COMMENT:


FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 2000

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter regarding religious freedom in Russia. Your suggestions were very helpful as I prepared for my recent meeting with President Putin in Brunei.

In private discussions with President Putin, I have repeatedly emphasized the central importance of the Russian government's continued support for democratic principles, human rights, and religious freedom. I believe that President Putin understands clearly that these issues will have a direct impact on our ability to support Russian reform as well as Russia's international integration.

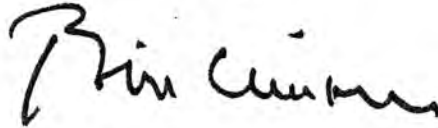
I remain troubled by clear evidence of harassment of religious groups at the grassroots level by Russian regional authorities. I also share your concerns about the impending deadline for religious groups to register under the 1997 Russian Law on Religion. As you know, my Administration has successfully ensured that the most damaging aspects of the Russian Law on Religion did not impede religious practice and activities.

We are urging Russian authorities to extend the December 31 registration deadline. Unfortunately, we are not satisfied by what we have heard from the Russians, and I remain very concerned by the possibility that unregistered groups will be

"liquidated" after the deadline. In coming weeks, we need to keep the pressure on the Russians and encourage them to avoid any setbacks for religious freedom.

Again, thank you for writing. I value our cooperation on this vital issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Elliott Abrams
Chairman
United States Commission
on International Religious Freedom
700 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 790
Washington, D.C. 20002

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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DATE: 22 DEC 00

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: ABRAMS, ELLIOTT

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 21 DEC 00

SUBJ: REPLY TO ELLIOTT ABRAMS

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 22 DEC 00

COMMENT:

FOR

Andrew M. Kuntz

JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Bryan:

As you depart the National Security Council staff, let me express my appreciation for the exceptional support you provided to my national security team.

As Chief, Systems and Networking Division, you had the heavy responsibility of ensuring that my foreign policy advisors maintained the vital computer links needed to keep them abreast of the fast-breaking events around the world. You performed this task with supreme skill and professionalism.

Please accept my best wishes for success as you culminate 30 years of service to our nation.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton ^A

Lieutenant Commander Bryan W. Bartsch, USN
Systems and Technical Planning Directorate
National Security Council
Washington, D.C. 20504

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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December 11, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*

SUBJECT: Farewell Letter for Departing Staff Member

Purpose

To acknowledge the accomplishments of Lieutenant Commander Bryan W. Bartsch, USN, for his contributions to the NSC.

Background

LCDR Bartsch arrived at the NSC in June 1998. During his tour at the White House, he functioned as the Chief, Systems and Networking Division. His service deserves recognition in the form of a letter of acknowledgement.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Lieutenant Commander Bryan Bartsch

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 22, 2000

Dear Hank:

Thank you for your tremendous support during my visit to Vietnam. My visit to the excavation site was one of the most moving experiences of my Presidency. It is important for all Americans to see the painstaking efforts of your men and women to help our veterans' families come to closure over the loss of their loved ones. The dignified and somber repatriation ceremony was a visible testimony to the importance we place on bringing Americans home.

I commend the dedication of your teams in performing this invaluable service to our Nation. Your work and the work of your predecessors have added to a fuller and deeper relationship with Vietnam. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Brigadier General Harry B. Axson, Jr., USA
Commander
Joint Task Force - Full Accounting
Box 64044
MCB Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii 96861-4044

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To Brigadier General Harry Axson, Jr.
With thanks,

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DATE: 26 DEC 00

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: AXSON, H
SOURCE: PRESIDENT
DATE: 22 DEC 00
SUBJ: TY LTRS FM POTUS TRIP TO VIETNAM

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 26 DEC 00

COMMENT:



FOR

JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 2000

Dear Mr. Heideman:

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation in the Middle East. For the past several weeks, our priority has been to end the bloodshed and restore calm. Simply put, there can be no place for violence.

At Sharm el-Sheikh, Israelis and Palestinians reached important understandings on security matters; now, it is imperative for them to live up to their commitments. As Secretary Albright recently stated, the Palestinian Authority must take swift measures to end the shootings against Israelis, create buffer zones between demonstrators and the Israeli Defense Forces, end incitement to violence, and arrest those responsible for acts of terror. In turn, the Israelis could withdraw their forces to positions they held prior to the onset of the crisis, end economic restrictions against Palestinians, and restrain their use of force.

As you point out, these past few weeks have been particularly trying ones for the Israeli people. Having withdrawn from Lebanon in compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions, and having demonstrated a willingness to take far-reaching steps for peace with the Palestinian people, the Israeli people now face violence on their northern border, in the West Bank, and in Gaza. As I have made clear from my first day in office, the United States will stand by Israel as it takes risks for peace.

The Palestinian people, too, have suffered greatly over the past few weeks. Over two hundred Palestinians have died, and many thousands have been injured. It should be clear to them that violence is not a solution, and that they will not achieve their aspirations from the barrel of a gun. Since Oslo, they have embarked on a political process that, for all its

frustrations, carries the promise of a just and lasting peace. To draw away from that path and to undertake unilateral actions would be a serious mistake and a recipe for a tragic future.

Ultimately, the parties need to find a pathway back to a political dialogue and negotiations. The best guarantee of Israel's security and of the Palestinians' aspirations is a sustainable peace. The dreadful alternative is playing out before their eyes.

Again, thank you for your letter and for your continuing support in this important effort.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Richard D. Heideman
International President
B'nai B'rith International
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-3278

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 2000

Dear Mr. Mariaschin:

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Again, thank you for your letter and your continuing support in this important effort.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Daniel S. Mariaschin
Executive Vice President
B'nai B'rith International
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-3278

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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DATE: 06 DEC 00

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: HEIDEMAN, RICHARD

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 06 DEC 00

SUBJ: POTUS RESPONSE RE BNAI BRITH

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 07 DEC 00

COMMENT:

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JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 2000

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Thank you for your letter regarding the political situation in Nigeria. I am extremely fond of your country, and consider the opportunity to address the Nigeria National Assembly as one of the highlights of my Presidency.

The Nigerian people have made tremendous progress over the past two years resolving peacefully the difficult and contentious issues that confront your society. When such issues are being resolved in a democratic society, it is not unusual that creative tensions arise between the various branches of government. This is certainly true of our government in the United States. I have found that in times of heated political debate it helps to remember that such moments often bring out a country's best minds to lend creativity and leadership towards an equitable solution.

I appreciate your request that I pursue a more active involvement in these questions in Nigeria, but I believe these are matters more appropriately addressed by the Nigerian people. I would encourage you and other like-minded Nigerian patriots to work together to develop a political agenda that moves Nigeria's democratic transition forward through consensus and with honor. Only Nigerians can find the appropriate balance that works for Nigeria.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
Ghali Umar Na'abba
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
Abuja

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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REFERRAL

DATE: 08 DEC 00

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: NAABBA, GHALI UMAR

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 08 DEC 00

SUBJ: RESPONSE TO NIGERIAN SPEAKER RE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NIGERIA

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 11 DEC 00

COMMENT:



FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 2000

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

Thank you for your letter and your words of support regarding the situation in the Middle East.

I believe our joint efforts were critical in reaching the agreement at Sharm-el-Sheikh and should serve as a model for future action in the region. The trust and respect you enjoy from both sides is a very important asset in this regard, as are Ambassador Larsen's admirable skills and experience.

Unfortunately, the apparent progress at Sharm-el-Sheikh has not been fully achieved. The violence has continued to take its terrible toll. More than ever, it is vital that Prime Minister Barak and Chairman Arafat to put an end to the tragic cycle of violence and get back to the negotiating table -- the only place where both sides' aspirations can be achieved.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable
Kofi Annan
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Kofi Annan
Secretary-General of the
United Nations
1 UN Plaza
New York, NY 10017

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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DATE: 08 DEC 00

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: ANNAN, KOFI

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 08 DEC 00

SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 11 DEC 00

COMMENT:



FOR

JOHN W. FICKLIN

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April 29, 2000

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